

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 17, add new claims 18 and 19 and amend claims 1, 3-6, 12, 13 and 16 of the above-identified application as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent cleaning process of cleaning a non-aqueous solvent used in a dry cleaning process for fabrics, the dry cleaning process comprising consecutive wash cycles for washing respective fabrics batches, the solvent cleaning process occurring independent of the wash cycles and when the solvent fulfills a first predetermined condition, the solvent cleaning process comprising: (a) a basic solvent refining cycle; and (b) a first advanced solvent refining cycle; said basic solvent refining cycle comprising a step of separating the solvent into: (i) a first solvent fraction; and (ii) a second solvent fraction which is less clean than the first fraction; wherein ~~the basic and first advanced solvent refining cycles are independently cycle is effected independent of the basic solvent refining cycle~~ when solvent to be cleaned fulfils a ~~respective~~ second predetermined condition.

2. **(Cancelled)**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent process according to claim 1, wherein the average volume ratio of the first solvent fraction to the second solvent fraction is from 1:1 to 99:1, ~~preferably from 7:3 to 99:1 and most preferably from 9:1 to 99:1.~~

4. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent process according to claim ~~1~~19, wherein ~~the basic solvent refining cycle is effected using a filtration system, preferably a microfiltration membrane system, most preferably a said cross-flow microfiltration membrane system and preferably any microfiltration membrane system has a trans-membrane pressure greater than 0.5 bar, more preferably greater than 2 bar but preferably less than 10 bar.~~

5. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 4, wherein the ~~filtration~~ cross-flow microfiltration membrane system comprises a cross-flow membrane having a channel diameter greater than 1 mm, ~~preferably greater than 2 mm and most preferably greater than 5 mm~~ but preferably less than 25 mm.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 1, wherein the first advanced solvent refining cycle is used to clean the second fraction when the second fraction fulfils ~~asaid~~ second predetermined condition.

7. **(Previously Presented)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 1, wherein the first advanced cleaning cycle employs first replenishable means to be replenished when its cleaning ability falls below a first predetermined threshold.

8. **(Previously Presented)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 1, wherein the first advanced cleaning cycle comprises an evaporation step.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 1, wherein the first solvent fraction is cleaned with a second advanced solvent refining cycle when the first solvent fraction fulfils a third predetermined condition.

10. **(Original)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 9, wherein the second advanced cleaning cycle employs second replenishable means to be replenished when its cleaning ability falls below a second predetermined threshold.

11. **(Previously Presented)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 9, wherein the second advanced cleaning cycle comprises contacting the first solvent fraction with a solid absorption medium.

12. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 10 ~~when dependent upon claim 7,~~ wherein the second replenishable means comprises a replaceable cartridge containing ~~the~~ a solid absorption medium.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 12, wherein the second replenishable means is replaced after more than 10, ~~preferably more than 25~~ and ~~most preferably more than 50~~ wash cycles.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 1, wherein any predetermined condition is selected from color, chemical composition, solids content, turbidity, dielectric constant, viscosity, odor and the elapsing of a predetermined number of wash cycles.

15. **(Original)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 14, wherein a predetermined condition is chemical composition and comprises water content.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A solvent cleaning process according to claim 1, wherein the basic solvent refining cycle comprises a filtration step wherein the solvent is filtered using a cross-flow microfiltration system.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) A solvent cleaning process of cleaning a non-aqueous solvent used in a dry cleaning process for fabrics, the dry cleaning process comprising consecutive wash cycles for washing respective fabrics batches, the solvent cleaning process occurring when the solvent fulfills a first predetermined condition, the solvent cleaning process comprising: (a) a basic solvent refining cycle; and (b) a first advanced solvent refining cycle; said basic solvent refining cycle comprising the steps of cooling the solvent with an in-line cooler and separating the solvent into: (i) a first solvent fraction; and (ii) a second solvent fraction which is less clean than the first fraction; wherein the first advanced solvent refining cycle is effected independent of the basic solvent refining cycle when solvent to be cleaned fulfils a second predetermined condition.

19. (New) A solvent cleaning process of cleaning a non-aqueous solvent used in a dry cleaning process for fabrics, the dry cleaning process comprising consecutive wash cycles for washing respective fabrics batches, the solvent cleaning process occurring when the solvent fulfills a first predetermined condition, the solvent cleaning process comprising: (a) a basic solvent refining cycle; and (b) a first advanced solvent refining cycle; said basic solvent refining cycle comprising the steps of filtering the solvent in a cross-flow microfiltration membrane and separating the solvent into: (i) a first solvent fraction; and (ii) a second solvent fraction which is less clean than the first fraction; wherein the first advanced solvent refining cycle is effected independent of the basic solvent refining cycle when solvent to be cleaned fulfils a second predetermined condition.